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Sir or Madam:

In response to the (non-final) Office Action mailed May 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments to the above-referenced patent application be entered on the record and considered by the Examiner. A petition for a 1 month extension of time is enclosed.

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten or added claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.